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SUBJ: BREAKING THE ICE WITH FRELIMO LEADERS

REF: (A) LOURENCO MARQUES 878; (B) LUSAKA 1971

(C) DAR ES SALAAM 3384; (D) STATE 207165

1. BELIEVE MEETING BETWEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM AND MACHEL WILL BE CRUCIAL IF WE ARE TO OPEN REGULAR CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WITH IMPORTANT FRELIMO OFFICIALS IN MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND AT FRELIMO'S DAR HEWDQKARTERS. WITHOUT SUCH ICE-BREAKING, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO REGULARIZE CONTACTS AT VARIOUS LEVELS AND PLACES AND MAKE POSSIBLE DISCUSSIONS OF OPERATIONAL MATTERS (VISITS, INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES, PORT PROBLEMS, ETC.) AS WELL AS EXPLORATION OF SUBJECTS BEING CONSIDERED BY JOINT STATE/AID WORKING GROUP ON PORTUGUESE AFRICA. EASUM MEETING WITH MACHEL WOULD ALSO PAVE WAY FOR HIS MEETING PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO DURING VISIT TO LOURENCO MARQUES.

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2. WE ENCOURAGED BY OFFER OF TANZANIAN HICOM KATIKAZA TO SET UP PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH MACHEL FOR AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI (REF B) AND LUKANGA'S OFFER TO SET UP SIMILAR MEETING FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER. HOPE ONE OF THESE WILL COME THROUGH PRIOR TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM'S ATTENDANCE AT ZAMBIAN INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OCTOBER 23.

3. IN LOURENCO MARQUES, THUS FAR, WE HAVE MADE LITTLE PROGRESS. HAVING ALREADY CALLED ON HIGH COMMISSIONER (PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT), TEN DAYS AGO I REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO. AFTER RECEIVING NO REPLY FROM HIS OFFICE TO ORAL REQUESTS, ON OCTOBER 8 I FORWARDED WRITTEN TEXT OF MESSAGE TO MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT (REF D) TO PRIME MINISTER UNDER COVER OF BRIEF NOTE SAYING I HAD HOPED TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE PERSONALLY AND LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING HIM WHENEVER CONVENIENT. (TEXT OF MY NOTE AND WRITTEN MESSAGE POUCHES TO AF/S OCTOBER 9TH.)

4. I WAS ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE SEEKING MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BY DIRECTOR OF VOZ DE MOZAMBIQUE MUTEMBA WHO IS INTIMATE FRIEND OF CHISSANO AS WELL AS MACHEL. BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL HAS JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTION FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO SEE CHISSANO, APPARENTLY CONCERNING RHODESIA; FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL, AS DEAN OF CORPS, IS ATTEMPTING ARRANGE JOINT CONSULAR CALL ON HIGH COMMISSIONER AND PRIME MINISTER.

5. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE IN PAST WEEK HAD SEVERAL INDICATIONS THAT TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IS LEARY OF CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN CONSULS GENERAL IN LOURENCO MARQUES (NOTE THAT USSR, CHI A, SCANDINAVIANS NOT REPRESENTED) AND THAT FRELIMO INTENDS HANDLE ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS PRIMARILY FROM DAR-ES-SALAAM. UNDER NORMAL INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE, LISBON WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS. LUSAKA ACCORD SAYS NOTHING ABOUT FOREIGN RELATIONS, EXCEPT ARTICLE 17 WHICH STATES THAT "TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK TO OBTAIN FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR IN THE FIELD OF BILATERAL RELATIONS THE AID NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE, PARTICULARLY FOR THE SOLUTION OF ITS URGENT PROBLEMS." WE NOTE THAT PRIME MINISTER GHANDI HAS JUST SENT SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO DAR, WHO MET MACHEL, DELIVERED

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PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRIMIN AND HAD THREE HOUR MEETING "TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE MEANS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." (FBIS, LONDON REUTERS OCT. 10).
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